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David Lin Papers
Collection 246

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Scope and Content

Yaoxi David Lin (born 1917), a son of a Chinese diplomat of the former Qing dynasty, was a leading administrator of the Seventh-day Adventist church in the People’s Republic of China for over 50 years (1946-present). Lin was a China Division officer at the time of the Communist take over in 1949. He served a number of years in prison for his faith.

This collection contains David Lin’s writings and a few letters. It also includes unpublished articles regarding traditional Adventist interpretations on biblical passages and pre-baptismal Bible study materials. There are also writings by Lin about Adventism in China and other places from his personal perspective.

David Lin’s theology and attitudes have shaped at least three generations of Adventist Church members in China since the Chinese Communist Party took over the government in 1949. The strengths and weaknesses of late 20th and early 21st century Chinese Adventism can, in some part, be attributable to David Lin’s influence. This collection is significant for those who are interested in Chinese Adventist studies.

Arrangement

The collection came to the Center on twelve 3.5 inch floppy computer disks. They were printed out and the resulting papers organized by the Center for Adventist Research. The processor is fluent in the Chinese language. This was a great benefit in processing this collection since quite a few of the documents are in Chinese.

Provenance

David Lin donated this collection to the Center for Adventist Research around the year 2000.

Use

All users of this collection will complete the “Application to Use Unpublished Records,” and observe the regulation specified in the “Patron's Agreement” and “Researcher’s Code of Conduct.” All records in this collection are open and available for research. Suggested citation for this collection:

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INVENTORY

I. Personal Document

Autobiographical Information

Bx 1 Fld 1  “My Own Story” written by David Lin.

Bx 1 Fld 1a  “China to Loma Linda: A Man’s Special Journey.” By Don Roth in the Loma Linda City News, Jul 24, 2008

Correspondence

Bx 1 Fld 2  Letters about Gongzhuling Church, northeastern China, Mar 18, 1997; Jun 28, 1999.

Bx 1 Fld 3  Open Letters between David Lin and Jack Sequeira regarding Daniel 8:14, Feb 12, 1998; Mar 20, 1998. Also in this folder are:
  “Concluding Remarks” by David Lin
  “SDA Beliefs in the Light of the Gospel” by Jack Sequeira

Bx 1 Fld 4  Letters to Raymond Cottrell regarding Cottrell’s talk on Daniel 8:14, Jan 7, 1998. Also in this folder are:
  “A Critique of Dr. Raymond Cottrell’s Talk on Exegetical Anomalies in the Traditional Interpretation of Daniel 8:14” by David Lin.
  “A Critique of Dr. Raymond Cottrell’s Paper on ‘Exegetical Anomalies’ in Traditional Interpretation.”

Bx 1 Fld 5  Letters to Chen Zhongdao, a well known Sunday-keeping pastor, regarding the Sabbath, May 24, 1999; Feb 1, 2000.

Bx 1 Fld 6  Letter to Jim Sun, a well known Sunday-keeping pastor, regarding Sabbath, May 26, 1999.

Bx 1 Fld 7  Letters from/to various people, 1997-1998. 8 letters.

Bx 1 Fld 8  Letters about Chinese Ministry International, no dates.
II. Writings

Manuscripts

Dialogues on Bible Questions, most probably serving as a baptismal instruction manual. Written in both English and Chinese by David Lin.

Bx 1 Fld 9  Dialogue 1: In Search of A Happy Life
Bx 1 Fld 10 Dialogue 2: The Mind of Jesus
Bx 1 Fld 11 Dialogue 3: From Eden to Eden
Bx 1 Fld 12 Dialogue 4: The Lamb of God
Bx 1 Fld 13 Dialogue 5: Christ Uplifted (I)
Bx1 Fld 14 Dialogue 6: Christ Uplifted (II)
Bx 1 Fld 15 Dialogue 7: Christ Uplifted (III)
Bx 1 Fld 16 Dialogue 8: Fathers of the Faithful
Bx 1 Fld 17 Dialogue 9: You Must Be Born Again
Bx 1 Fld 18 Dialogue 10: How to Be A Christian
Bx 1 Fld 19 Dialogue 10A: Harbingers of Salvation
Bx 1 Fld 20 Dialogue 11: The Way of All the Earth
Bx 1 Fld 21 Dialogue 12: Richman and Lazarus
Bx 1 Fld 22 Dialogue 13: The Turning Point (Chinese only)
Bx 1 Fld 23 Dialogue 14: Millennium (Chinese only)
Bx 1 Fld 24 Dialogue 15: Amazing Prophecy
Bx 1 Fld 25 Dialogue 16: Heaven on Earth
Bx 1 Fld 26 Dialogue 17: A Broken and A contrite Heart
Bx 1 Fld 27 Dialogue 18: Communing with God
Bx 1 Fld 28  Dialogue 19: The Effect of Faith (Chinese only)
Bx 1 Fld 29  Dialogue 20: Bearing Witness to the Truth
Bx 1 Fld 30  Dialogue 21: Jesus' Divine Nature
Bx 1 Fld 31  Dialogue 22: Jesus' Human Nature
Bx 1 Fld 32  Dialogue 23: The Spirit of Truth
Bx 1 Fld 33  Dialogue 24: The Temple of All Nations (Chinese only)
Bx 1 Fld 34  Dialogue 25: The Law of Moses
Bx 1 Fld 35  Dialogue 26: The Law of Life
Bx 1 Fld 36  Dialogue 27: Justification, Sanctification and Glorification (Chinese only)
Bx 1 Fld 37  Dialogue 27A: God’s Grand Strategy (English only)
Bx 1 Fld 38  Dialogue 27P: Christian Perfection (English only)
Bx 2 Fld 1   Dialogue 28: Walking with God (I)
Bx 2 Fld 2   Dialogue 29: The Sign of Jonas
Bx 2 Fld 3   Dialogue 30: The Final Test
Bx 2 Fld 4   Dialogue 31: Sign of Obedience to God (I)
Bx 2 Fld 5   Dialogue 32: Sign of Obedience to God (II)
Bx 2 Fld 6   Dialogue 33: Objections against Sabbath
Bx 2 Fld 7   Dialogue 34: Mark of Beast
Bx 2 Fld 8   Dialogue 36: Unlimited Power
Bx 2 Fld 9   Dialogue 37: A Solemn Message
Bx 2 Fld 10  Dialogue 38: Christian Home
Bx 2 Fld 11  Dialogue 39: The Social Life of A Christian
Bx 2 Fld 12  Dialogue 40: The Commandments of God
Dialogue 40A: Sign of Obedience to God
Dialogue 41: Bible Prophecy and the Signs of the Times (I) (Chinese only)
Dialogue 42: Bible Prophecy and the Signs of the Times (II) (Chinese only)
Dialogue 43: Bible Prophecy and the Signs of the Times (III)
Dialogue 44: Signs of the Times (Chinese only)
Dialogue 45: The Cleansing of the Sanctuary
Dialogue 46: Christ’s Atonement in Three Steps
Dialogue 47: Present Truth & Hope in the Disappointment (Chinese only)
Dialogue 48: Religion and Politics
Dialogue 49: A Prophet Sent of God (I)
Dialogue 50: A Prophet Sent of God (II)
Dialogue 51: A Prophet Sent of God (III)
Dialogue 52: Identifying the True Church
Dialogue 53: Bible Questions Answered (I)
Dialogue 54: Bible Questions Answered (II)
Dialogue 56: Christian Stewardship
Dialogue 58: Bible Health
Dialogue 59: The Origin of All Things (I)
Dialogue 60: The Origin of All Things (II)
Dialogue 100: The Closing Conflict
The Bible Student Series by David Lin, also a baptismal instruction manual.

Bx 2 Fld 34  Three Witnesses and A Testimony
Bx 2 Fld 35  Seek Ye the Lord While He May Be Found
Bx 2 Fld 36  Focus on 1844
Bx 2 Fld 37  Fountain of Living Waters

Bible Commentaries by David Lin on . . .

Bx 3 Fld 1  Pentateuch
Bx 3 Fld 2  Genesis
Bx 3 Fld 3  Exodus
Bx 3 Fld 4  Leviticus
Bx 3 Fld 5  Introduction to Deuteronomy (1 page)
Bx 3 Fld 6  Introduction to Joshua (1 page)
Bx 3 Fld 7  Isaiah 7:14
Bx 3 Fld 8  Jeremiah 17:4
Bx 3 Fld 9  Daniel
Bx 3 Fld 10 Matthew
Bx 3 Fld 11 Luke
Bx 3 Fld 12 Roman 13:8
Bx 3 Fld 13 Hebrews
Bx 3 Fld 14 Introduction to Revelation (half page) and the Seventh Trumpet
Bx 3 Fld 15 Answers to Difficult Bible Passages
Bx 3 Fld 16 Commentary on Important Bible Passages
Unpublished Articles

Bx 4 Fld 1  Chinese articles on doctrinal issues, and evangelical discussions, including . . .
  Roman Catholic’s Change of God’s Law
  What Is Your Value Sense?
  Against False Doctrines
  On the Issue of Earthquake
  Self Control
  Questions and Answers on Doctrines
  Is God Particular?
  The Geographical Center of the Great Controversy
  For the Preparation of the Lord’s Sabbath
  “My Rest”
  “The End of 2300 Days”

Bx 4 Fld 2  English articles by David Lin on doctrinal issues, and Biblical interpretations
  The Minds of Inspiration
  The Six Plague
  Two Big Enigmas
  On the Duration of “The Present Time”: A Study on Hebrew 9:8-10
  “Babylon is Fallen, Is Fallen”
  The Crucial Text
  Sabbath-Keeping Remains with the People of God
  The Proof-Text Method
  Every Christian Twice Judged
  A Study on the Geographical Extent of End-Time Scenarios
  On Trinity
  Two Goats
  Identify the True Church
  The Platform of Truth
  Objections Considered
  Why We Need God
  God’s Purpose in the Last Generation
  The Mark of the Beast
  Walking in the Spirit
  Our Inheritance in Light
  Sin & Trespass Offerings
  On Silencing God
  “I Am the True Vine”
Hold the Fort
A New Date in Bible Chronology
The Problem of Survival
Spittle in Clay
The Lamb of God
How God Works, Nov 10, 1982
Heaven Open
“To Depart and Be with Christ”
My Father’s Business
On the Social Existence of God
Two Great Secrets
The Great Reward
We’ve Been Robbed
Promises to the Overcomer
For the Land of Sinim
Adam and the Christ Child

Bx 4 Fld 3  Articles about Ellen G. White by David Lin

Bx 4 Fld 4  Articles about issues in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church by David Lin. Also included is “Final Report” about Walla Walla College,” Dec 16, 1997 in which Specific Allegations of Agnosticism and Alcohol at Faculty Party are mentioned.

Bx 4 Fld 5  Articles about Adventism in China by David Lin

Bx 4 Fld 6  Articles written by David Lin against Dengrong Chen, a native Chinese pastor ordained by David Lin and later turned out to be an extremist and caused divisions in the Adventist Church in China.

III. Miscellaneous

Bx 4 Fld 7  “Tales Worth Telling,” Testimonies Written by David Lin

Bx 4 Fld 8  Testimonies Collected by David Lin

Bx 4 Fld 9  News Collection of David Lin mainly about Catholics

Bx 4 Fld 10 Bible Passages Collected by David Lin
Bx 4 Fld 11  David Lin’s Reports about:
A Money Issue with Daniel Jiao.
His Apartment in Shanghai Which Was Robbed by His
Brother In-Law.

Bx 4 Fld 12  Sabbath Prayers and Short Notes.

IV. Topical Files

Bx 4 Fld 13  Issues in Shijiazhuang Church

Bx 4 Fld 14  Gongzhuling Church Building Project

Bx 4 Fld 15  Various Forms

V. Floppy Disks

Bx 4 Fld 16  Twelve 3.5 inch floppy disks from which all papers of this
collection are printed. There is nothing unique on these
disks that are not represented on paper in this collection.

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